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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courteous interview granted by Examiner Truong to George H. Gerstman, counsel for applicant, on November 21, 2006.

At the interview, it was explained that the present invention concerns a novel vascular occlusive device. The device comprises a vascular occlusive embolic coil with a plurality of thrombogenic fibers or a thrombus inducing member mounted or disposed on the embolic coil. The thrombogenic fibers or thrombus inducing member has a first unconstrained position and a second constrained position.

For example, Fig. 2 shows an embolic coil having a plurality of thrombogenic fibers 19 in their unconstrained position.

An outer barrier (see outer barrier 22 in Fig. 1) is disposed over the plurality of thrombogenic fibers or the thrombus inducing member for normally constraining the fibers or member in the second, constrained position. The outer barrier exhibits the characteristic of dissolving when exposed to bodily fluids to thereby release the thrombogenic fibers or thrombus inducing member to permit the thrombogenic fibers or member to return to the first unconstrained position to thereby react with bodily fluids in order to cause tissue ingrowth. In the embodiment set forth in claims 13-19, the outer barrier exhibits the characteristic of being substantially inert to bodily fluid but dissolving when exposed to an external agent to thereby release and uncover the thrombus inducing member.

As pointed out during the interview, the prior art does not disclose applicant's novel invention. Neither Villar or Horton discloses anything resembling thrombogenic

fibers or a thrombus inducing member disposed on an embolic coil and having a first unconstrained position and a second constrained position. Neither Villar or Horton discloses an outer barrier for normally constraining a thrombus inducing member in a second constrained position until the outer barrier is dissolved to thereby return the thrombus inducing member to a first, unconstrained position. It can be seen that all of the claims patentably distinguish the present invention from the prior art.

In order to obviate the provisional double patenting rejection, a terminal disclaimer is being filed with this amendment.

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectively requested.

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